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	:	NONWOVEN FABRIC, CARBON FIBER		
	:	NONWOVEN FABRIC, AND METHOD		
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: